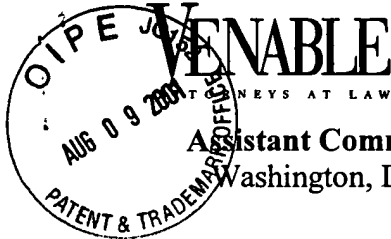


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FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (REV 5-93)  TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 32221-168681 RK
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)  09/762,896
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE99/01261	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 29 April 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: 13 August 1998
TITLE OF INVENTION - see attached pages -		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US - see attached pages -		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. X This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. X This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).		

- See attached pages for additional data -

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**Attorney Docket: 32221-168681 RK**

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Re: International Application PCT/DE99/01261 filed April 29, 1999  
Priority Claimed: German Appl. No. 198 36 767.8 filed August 13, 1998

**Inventor(s): Walter ROSENBAUM and Frank PFEIFFER**

**Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING MAIL TO BE  
RETURNED TO SENDER**

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a 4-month extension of time to reply to the Notice of Missing Requirements dated March 14, 2001, thus extending the due date to August 14, 2001. Enclosed is the amount of \$ 1390.00, the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

In response to the enclosed Missing Requirements Notice of March 14, 2001, submitted herewith are the following:

- Inventor Declaration/Power of Attorney.
- Copy of Notice of Missing Requirements dated March 14, 2001.
- Information Disclosure Statement and PTO form 1449
- Recordation Cover Sheet and Executed Assignment

**Official fees:**

Surcharge  
130.00  
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1390.00

**Total fees enclosed: \$ 1560.00**

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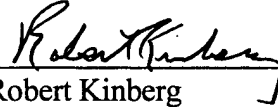
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For legal services rendered in connection with the above-identified matter.

Telephone conference with you on August 3, 2001; Re-docketing due date for filing response to Notification of Missing Requirements four times, obtaining extension of time and paying extension fee

\$360.00

**Disbursements:**

Extension for response within fourth month

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as

- ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),  
☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.

☒ Copy of the international application in:

- ☒ a non-English language.  
☐ English.

☒ Translation of the international application into English.

☐ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.

☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments.

☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☐ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.

☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 13 FEB 2001 and

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed 13 FEB 2001 and

☐ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed

☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

☒ Priority Document.

☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

☐ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.

☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

☐ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.

☒ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

3. Additional claim fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY ☐ 21 OR ☒ 31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the annexes will be cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.

5. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

***A copy of this notice MUST be returned with this response.***

Enclosed:

☐ PCT/DO/EO/917

☐ Notice of Defective Translation

☐ PTO-875

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